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## Health and Sanitation Data on Tatabanya

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General Information - Tatabanya, Hungary

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The population is 50 thousand (1951 estimate)

direct communication is maintained between Tatabanya and other areas

(a) By water - no communication at all.

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(b) By rail - to all parts of Hungary. Tatabanya is on the main line between Vienna and Budapest.

(c) By airline - there are no airports in Tatabanya because it is only 30 miles from Budapest.

## Community Health Conditions

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Tatabanya has the highest birthrate per 1000 population in Hungary.

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leading causes of death.

They are heart disease, rheumatism (paralysis), tuberculosis, cancer and venereal disease. There are some deaths from typhoid and parathphoid fevers, typhus, small pox and tuberculosis.

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Endemic diseases are typhus, influenza and smallpox.

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the city have a public water supply system

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7. [redacted] 50X1
- The system is presently under government ownership. If was formerly owned by Hungarian General Collieries Co Ltd. The source is mostly dug wells and a few springs - vertical shafts 60 meters below the surface. Since water is considered sterile there is no treatment. Areas surrounding the wells are protected by fences. Pumps near the wells supply the necessary pressure to pump water to an underground pipeline system. 50X1
8. [redacted] he public system adequate to furnish water to the whole population [redacted] 50X1
- [redacted] 50X1
9. [redacted] daily consumption of water in the city [redacted] 50X1
- Approximately 20 gals per person are consumed per day. 50X1
10. [redacted] percent of the population actually uses the public supply [redacted] 50X1
- One hundred percent. 50X1
11. [redacted] 50X1
- The district sanitary chief checks the wells and pipeline water once a month.
12. [redacted] the water from the public supply [redacted]
- [redacted] is completely safe. 50X1
13. [redacted] 50X1
- Public water. 50X1
14. [redacted] 50X1
- [redacted] there is no need for bottled water. 50X1
15. [redacted] 50X1
16. [redacted] 50X1
- There is no other supply available. 50X1
- Food
17. [redacted] the Health Department [redacted] exercise control over the following:
- Slaughtering - yes 50X1
- Handling meats - yes
- Fish - no
- Shellfish - no 50X1
- Markets - yes
- Other goods - yes
- Restaurants - yes, twice a month personnel and premises are checked. 50X1
18. [redacted] cow's milk [redacted] 50X1
- [redacted] is distributed through the central organization of the government. 50X1
19. [redacted] 50X1
- None is pasteurized; 40% is bottled and 60% is distributed in cans. 50X1
20. [redacted] dairy cattle are tuberculin tested? [redacted] 50X1
- [redacted] every six months by the government. 50X1
21. [redacted] the sanitary quality of milk [redacted] 50X1 50X1
- [redacted] an agent of the Health Department controls it. 50X1
- Disposal Systems
22. [redacted] 50X1
- Only 30% of the city has an operating sanitary sewerage system. 50X1

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23. [redacted] is served by it [redacted]  
Approximately 40% of the population.
24. Where there is no such system [redacted] the most common method used for disposal of human excreta [redacted]  
Outdoor trenches which are covered when full.
25. [redacted]  
A central plant which produces fertilizer collects and traps all sewage.
26. [redacted] human excreta used for fertilizing land [redacted]  
[redacted] vegetables grown locally on such land [redacted]
27. [redacted]
28. Is there a drainage system adequate to carry surface runoff? Are there storm sewers? Open ditches?  
[redacted]
29. [redacted] water collects and stands after heavy [redacted] in [redacted] in many places.
30. [redacted] a general collection of garbage [redacted] once a week.
31. [redacted]  
All refuse is collected at one time.
32. [redacted]  
Three small incinerator plants burn the garbage. Streets are cleaned only when necessary; dead animals are taken to the fertilizer plant.
33. [redacted] for disposal of the dead [redacted]  
All are buried. There are no crematories.
34. Pest Control  
[redacted]  
Mosquitos no  
Flies no  
Lice no  
Rodents and Fleas no  
Other pests no  
Medical and Hospital Facilities
35. [redacted]  
Number of hospitals -one  
Total number of beds -400  
Number of charity beds - none
36. [redacted] the following types of service available:  
Medical - yes  
Surgical- yes  
Dental - yes  
Nursing - yes  
Obstetrical - yes
37. [redacted]  
There is a great shortage of drugs.

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Local Health and Welfare Administration

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☐ active divisions of :

Tuberculosis control           no  
Venereal disease               no  
Sanitation                    no  
Maternity, Infant            no  
Child Health                 no  
Social Services for follow  
up of infectious disease    no

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State organization is the sole responsible unit for health conditions. There are four dispensaries to care to the sick.

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☐ communicable diseases reported ☐

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All except venereal disease are reported to a representative of the health department.

☐ immunization procedures ☐ applied to children?

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There are immunization procedures against small-pox, tuberculosis and diphtheria.

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None are available to the public.

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There is no system of public assistance in operation. All medical care and medication is free.

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Health Conditions           Good  
Sanitation                  Good  
Available Medical Care       Good  
Available Dental Care        Good  
Available Hospital Care       Fair  
Climatic effect on children   Very poor  
Climatic effect on women      Poor  
Climatic effect on men        Poor

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☐ special precautions ☐ taken in order to remain in good physical and mental health ☐

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None.

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☐ hazards that would affect infants and children ☐

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These hazards are air contamination by cement works, ferrosilicon and the coal mines.

Education

There are 12 grammar schools and two high schools. For eight grades there is compulsory attendance. English is excluded in all schools. There are no colleges or universities in Tatabanya.

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